

Appl. No. 10/043,451
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Reply to Office Action of March 17, 2004
Customer No. 27752

REMARKS

Oath/Declaration

Applicants' Oath/Declaration was found to be defective by the Examiner because the citizenship of inventor Stephan Gary Bush was missing. Applicants hereby submit a new Declaration in compliance with 32 C.F.R. §1.67(a). Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's objection.

Specification

The Specification has been amended on pages 1 and 6, as originally filed, to provide reference to co-pending granted patents, as requested by the Examiner. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-10 remain in the instant Application and are presented for the Examiner's review in light of the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's objections to the Specification.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-10 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,193,918. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §1490, Applicants enclose an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer compliant with 35 U.S.C. §253, 37 C.F.R. §1.321, and 37 C.F.R. §3.73. In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that each of Applicants' remaining claims is in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is requested.

This response is timely filed pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8 and M.P.E.P. §512, and no fee is believed due. However, if any additional charges are due, the Examiner is hereby authorized to deduct such charge from Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company.

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